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[Bootle Rectory, Cumberland, England], 1921-1930

January 17th, 1921.

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.,
Hoshiarpur,
Punjab, Br. India.

Dear Mr. Whitehead:-

It gives me especial pleasure to inform you that, at the meeting of the Council of The American Numismatic Society held on January 14th, you were unanimously elected a Corresponding Member of the Society.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

Bootle Rectory.
Cumberland.
England.
4/5/21.

To Sydney P. Noe Esq.
Secretary.
The American Numismatic Society.
Broadway at 156th Street.
New York.

Dear Sir.

I write to acknowledge with many thanks your kind letter of the 1st January, 1921. The long delay is due to the fact that the letter has been to India and back again; I am on long leave from October last.

I am glad to hear that I

have been elected a corresponding member of the American Numismatic Society and very much appreciate the honour. I am arranging with Mr Howland Wood to come across to New York for about four weeks at the end of this month & am anxious to interest the members of the American Numismatic Society in Indian numismatics. I have asked Mr Howland Wood if the Society would care to hear one or two lectures on Indian coins, the times & dates to be ~~work~~ fixed by the Society as soon as I can definitely arrange my passage. I have asked Mr Howland Wood if lantern slides can be prepared, from book plates to save time & trouble.

Yours faithfully

R.B. Whitehead.

c/o Coin Room.
British Museum.
London W.C.1.
16/3/22.

Dear Mr Noe.

I am writing to acknowledge your letter of January 24th & to apologise for keeping the typed manuscript ~~enclosure~~ so long. This is due to influenza and also to the fact that I have been abroad since January 27th, only returning to England four days ago. I have been three weeks in Switzerland for

winter sports followed by an interesting fortnight amongst the coins at the Kaiser Friedrich Museum, Berlin.

Mr Newell arrived in Berlin a week ago two days before my departure and I was very glad to see him again.

As regards the enclosed manuscript I have noted what you say about typing. I have nothing to add on page 4. I do not wish to interpolate anything with reference to the plates. I do not think there is any need to send

me the first proof. If you would be kind enough to revise it with special reference to the proper names it would be quite sufficient & would save time.

I am writing to-day to Howland Wood & have enclosed the typed MS in my letter to him.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

R.B. Whitehead.

April 14th, 1922

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
The Rectory
Bootle, Cumberland

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

I take pleasure in sending you proof of the map we propose to use as a frontispiece to your brochure. This is already in the galley stage. It surpasses anything we have been able to find for the same territory, and I feel sure that you will like it.

Are you able to give me any idea of when you expect to finish the second part? I am asking not to hold you to a date but in order that we may plan our programme.

Trusting that this will reach you in good health and with cordial regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

SPN/E
Enc.

BOOTLE RECTORY,
CUMBERLAND

25/4/22.

Dear Mr Noe.

I write to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of your kind letter of the 14th April with a proof of the map you propose to use as a frontispiece to my brochure.

It is a beautiful production and I am very pleased with it. The situations of Aornos, Nikaia & Bukephala are of course

more or less conjectural.
One scholar stoutly maintained that Aornos was somewhere near the Indus not far from the Kabul River — see p. 56.

~~However~~ A more serious question is concerned with Ohind which I see has been placed on the Ravi River quite close to Lahore. I do not recollect any Ohind in this locality & the ancient Ohind ~~place~~ is usually placed on the River Indus eighteen miles above Attock on (I think) the west bank — e.g. see Vincent Smith's Early History of India, 1914 edition, p. 60.

However as it is too late to change it or if you have other reasons for the Rind Revi edition, I can make no alterations.

I will send the Mahomedan paper in E of T when.

Thanks very much. ——— things are well with me. My retirement from India and prolonged pension pass for a sentimental hurt. I lay

not always work favoured to a lazy life and an unwillingness to let regular work be a compulsive nature.

With cordial regards to yourself, to Horace and Wood (to whom I am writing separately) and to all at the Museum,

Yours very sincerely

P. H. Whitehead.

June 13th, 1922

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
The Rectory
Bootle, Cumberland

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

I hope you have received by this time the copy of your book. We are all much pleased with its appearance, and I trust you will not find a gross mistake on the first page you examine. We have mailed copies to those on the list you sent us, and under separate cover I am having forwarded to you the remainder to which you are entitled.

Now, upon another matter - We are planning the publication of a bibliography of Greek coin finds. This is to consist of references to all the published data regarding hoards that we can locate. From your familiarity with the Bactrian and Indian fields, I am wondering whether you can give us information regarding any that may have come to your attention. Those listed in the Numismatic Chronicle or the larger numismatic periodicals - the French, German, Belgian, etc., we shall probably have discovered, but you may have references to others in out-of-the-way publications in India such as would be difficult for us to secure. You will recall that one of the Indian Museum's catalogues has a preface describing a number of such finds, but these are mostly Roman.

Also, do you know whether any of the Indian Museums have complete hoards which are as yet unpublished, but which should be listed in a work such as we contemplate? We are making an effort to record the location of hoards which have passed into the possession of National collections, and in this connection I am wondering whether you cannot give us information as to where the collections of Cunningham and Thomas went; or any other of the important Indian collectors

who may have acquired hoards in whole or in part which have since passed into the possession of Museums.

I hope my request will not lay too much of a burden upon you, but I am sure you will appreciate how valuable it will be to have an even partially complete record of hoards.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Wood has passed through an operation which proved to be less serious than had been anticipated, and is now, we hope, on the road to a quick recovery.

With cordial regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

S.M.E.

July 15th, 1922

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
The Rectory
Bootle, Cumberland

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

You will recall writing that you hoped to have the manuscript of the second part of your Introduction to the Coinage of India in our hands by September. We should greatly appreciate it if you would send it as soon as you can; conditions have arisen which make it desirable to have your monograph in the press as early as possible.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Wood has almost entirely recovered from his operation; he is now away on a month's vacation.

With cordial regards,

Very sincerely yours,

SPN/E

January 3rd, 1923

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
The Rectory
Bootle, Cumberland

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

Accept our greetings and best wishes for 1923. We are wondering what has become of you, and so I decided to write to you and try to find out! Mr. Wood suggests that possibly your agricultural pursuits have swamped your numismatic interests. I hope that this isn't so, particularly as I am now placed on the Publication Committee and we are hoping to receive your next monograph in the not very distant future. It seems so long since we had any word at all from you. Perhaps you are intending to visit us again! I hope you will.

Mr. Noe went to Athens last September and we do not expect him to return to New York before June or July. He is having a wonderful time visiting all the old Greek cities within miles; his letters are tremendously interesting and full of worth while experiences.

With every good wish, and hoping we may have word from you before long, I am

Very sincerely yours,

21 Pembroke Lane.

THE UNION SOCIETY,
CAMBRIDGE.

20/2/23

Dear Mr Noe.

You have been more than patient with me & I am very grateful for your forbearance as regards the production of my second monograph. I am of course quite keen on giving it to you, but would like a little more time. Will it be alright if I let you have it without fail by October this year? I was in London

in May & June last year & had to decide about my future. After scouting round seeing the authorities in Oxford, Reading and Cambridge I made up my mind to work at the School of Agriculture here. As a sort of preliminary canter I attended the Cambridge Vac^n Term in July & August — and this resulted in my matriculation in Oxford as a Fellow-Commoner of St John's College. I am due to take the first part exam^n of the Diploma in Agric^re Exam^n at the end of May, & of course I am quite nervy.

Then in addition I have to produce 60 pages for Vol. II of the Cambridge History of India by the end of March, so am very busy indeed. I trust you will not mind my failure to produce the promised monograph under these circumstances, but will certainly send it by October.

I hope all is well with you at the Society. Please remember me kindly to Mr Newell, Howland Wood, Miss Eare and my other friends at the Museum. I shall always have the pleasantest memories of my

visit to New York. It is most generous of the Society to send me copies of their publications which I find admirable. Is there any chance of any of you coming over this summer?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

A.N. Whitehead.

21 Jesus Lane

THE UNION SOCIETY,
CAMBRIDGE.

6/12/23

Dear Howland Wood.

I have much pleasure in sending a short copy of the enclosed paper for your kind acceptance, also a copy for the Society's library.

I have an Indo-Greek paper in proof which I will send along in due course.

I noted from yours of March 23rd last that you

are resigned to the long delayed production of my Muh^n coin monograph. For the last few months my head has been full of White Huns, Sassanians, & other outlandish peoples for my contribution to the Cambridge History of India, N.W. India from 200 A.D. to the coming of the Muh^ns, much to the detriment of my agricultural work. However I have not forgotten the first mentioned job though I shall probably end it along sooner if I cease to promise it by a definite date. I wish to goodness that England would settle down to doing a bit of honest work

in the food-production line & other directions, but we are such a stiff-necked rebellious lot that we prefer to fight like Kilkenny cats about free trade versus protection & other vexed questions without getting a move on.

I note that you have been doing Noe's work as well as your own but expect he is back in Dixie by this time. I hope the sculp-exhibition was a great success.

I jog along much as usual. My father retires at the end of January to a small house he has purchased in Southport,

Lancashire. I take the general
exam^n for the Agric^l Diploma
next May, & then occupy another
year on the production of a thesis
concerned with some aspect of
plant breeding (Mendelism & that
sort of thing). What will happen
then is quite nebulous. If nothing
definite eventuates I shall be
tempted to come & do some research
work on your side, if that can be
managed. Your daughters must
be quite big girls now.

With kindest
remembrances, & best Christmas
wishes to Mrs Wood & yourself,

Yours sincerely
R.B. Whitehead.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"PENMENNER, LIZARD."

At

Penmenner Hotel,

The Lizard, Cornwall.

10/4/30.

Dear Mr Noë.

Mr Hill of the British Museum Coin Room has passed on to me your enquiry of the 18th February, which gives me much concern. It brings home my remissness & slackness. But I want you & my good friends Mr Newell & Mr Howland Wood to know that I have the pleasantest recollections of my visit in

1921 & that I am deeply grateful for all the kindness & hospitality with which I was received. My address is 30 Millington Road, Cambridge, & I got married to an old friend in December, 1928. After a long period of fallow due to an excursion into the realms of agriculture I have returned to coins & history, & hope to produce another Catalogue by the end of this year. I hold a small University post called Adviser to Indian Students. I shall always be glad to be of any service in Cambridge, & hope to see you on your next visit this side.

Yours sincerely

R. B. Whitehead

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